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SECTO 23

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, UR, US
SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH GROMYKO ON CSCE

1. GROMYKO HAS ONCE AGAIN RAISED WITH THE SECRETARY OUR POSITION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CSCE CONFERENCE. THE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO STRONGLY FAVOR A SUMMIT FOR THE THIRD STAGE. SECRETARY RESPONDED THAT WE COULD NOT TAKE ANY POSITION BEYOND WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID WITHOUT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH OUR ALLIES. WE MENTIONED THAT WE HAD EARLIER SUGGESTED SUCH CONSULTATIONS AND THAT WE WOULD NOW PURSUE THIS INITIATIVE.

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2. SECRETARY WISHES AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD TO BEGIN PROMPT

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DISCUSSIONS WITH PERMREPS TO ASCERTAIN VIEWS OF OUR ALLIES ON THEIR PRESENT ATTITUDE TOWARD A SUMMIT LEVEL MEETING FOR THE THIRD STAGE AND PARTICULARLY WHAT OUR ALLIES FEEL WOULD JUSTIFY SUCH A MEETING. WE BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNFORTUNATE IF THE QUESTION OF THE LEVEL OF THE THIRD STAGE SHOULD DEVELOP INTO A DISPUTE AMONG THE ALLIES UNDER SOVIET PRESSURE. WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE STAGE TWO OUTCOME ARE NOW KNOWN AND THEREFORE A JUDGMENT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME.

3. AS TO TIMING, WE ONCE AGAIN STATED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE A NUMBER OF COMPLEX ISSUES REMAINING WHICH MIGHT STILL TAKE SOME TIME TO SOLVE AMONG THE 35 COUNTRIES PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE. THEREFORE WE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT STAGE TWO COULD BE COMPLETED, AS THE SOVIETS APPEAR TO DESIRE, IN TIME FOR A STAGE THREE PRIOR TO THE US/SOVIET SUMMIT. THE QUESTION OF TIMING SHOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN NATO. THE SOVIETS INDICATED THEY WERE THINKING OF A TWO- OR THREE-DAY STAGE THREE SESSION.KISSINGER
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